

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electronic still camera includes a stand-by mode switch and is capable of setting a stand-by mode in which a power and/or driving pulse is supplied to a CCD so that the mode can immediately shift to an image pickup operation upon a release instruction by a release switch. In the camera, a plurality of sensors for detecting contact or approach of a hand to make an image pickup operation are provided dispersedly at different positions, respectively. If the stand-by mode is set by the stand-by mode switch and all the sensors detect contact or approach of the hand, each processing in an AE processing section, AF processing section, and AWB processing section is carried out as a preliminary operation for image pickup.

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